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1. EXPO '74 COMMISSIONER HENDERSON AND EXEC. ASSISTANT WARNES MET NOV 26 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PHILIPS COMPANY, DIRECTOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS OF RHINE AUTHROITY (RIJMOND) CLARENBURG,

AND MFA DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AND INFORMATION AFFAIRS CORT VAN DER LINDEN IN JOINT MEETING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF GON PARTICIPATION AT EXPO WITH SUPPORT OF DUTCH INDUSTRY AND RIJNMOND AUTHORITY. HENDERSON STRESSED FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES OF INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION UNDER GOVERNMENT UMBRELLA.

2. QUERIED BY VAN TEILBURG, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE AT PHILIPS FOR PROMOTION OF PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS, CORT VAN DER LINDEN REVIEWED DUTCH POSITION, INDICATION THAT BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS WERE PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO DUTCH PARTICIPATION. PRESSED BY VAN TILBURG TO INDICATE WHAT GON POSITION WOULD BE IF FINANCIAL OBSTACLE COULD BE OVERCOME BY, SAY, INDUSTRY SUPPORT, CORT VAN DER LINDEN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GON WOULD BE INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE IF IT COULD BE ASSURED THAT ADEQUATE EXHIBIT COULD BE PUT TOGETHER WITHIN SHORT TIME REMAINING, STRESSING THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE FINAL DECISION. HE INDICATED HE WOULD ARRANGE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS IN OTHER INTERESTED MINISTRIES TO EXPLORE QUESTION FURTHER. (CORT VAN DER LINDEN WILL BE IN PARIS NOV 29 TO ATTEND MEETING OF BIE, TO WHICH HE IS DUTCH REP., WHERE HENDERSON WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY OF FURTHER CNTACT). END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. IMPRESSION OF EMBOFF WHO ATTENDED MEETING WAS THE PROSPECTS FOR GETTING DUTCH ON BOARD ARE MORE ENCOURAGING NOW THAN AT ANY TIME IN PAST SIX MONTHS. REPRESENTATIVES OF PHILIPS SEEM ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PARTICIPATINGAND APPEAR WILLING TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TO GON. MAJOR OBSTACLE NOW WOULD SEEM TO BE GON RESERVATIONS RE ABILITY TO MOUNT SATISFACTORY EXHIBT IN SHORT SPACE OF TIME. IF GON OFFICIALS CONCERNED CAN CONVINCE THEMSELVES OR BE CONVINCED THAT A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT CAN STILL BE PUT TOGETHER, BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS TO GET DUTCH TO EXPO WILL BEAR FRUIT. TO THAT END, CHARGE WILL SEND LETTER TO STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST (WHO HAD TO CANCEL HIS MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER HENDERSON BECAUSE OF LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENTS), STRONGLY ENCOURAGING GON TO PARTICIPATE ON BASIS OF ABOVE DESCRIBED INDUSTRY FORMULA, REQUIRING LITTLE OR NO EXPENDITURE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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